

'Expeditionness' must begin as sides agree Autonomy vote in year, at most

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Israel and Egypt are committed to complete their negotiations over autonomy in the administered areas at the earliest possible date... and hold the autonomy elections "as expeditiously as possible" after that. This means that if the two sides reach agreement on the autonomy after six months of negotiating... they will be obliged to hold the elections "expeditiously" after that. They will not be able to delay the elections until after the one-year target date for the completion of negotiations. The "target date" in the nature of an additional incentive to the parties to end their negotiations by a definite time — but

they are pledged, under a separate provision, to end the talks earlier if possible. This emerges from a detailed scrutiny of the "linkage side-letter" which is to be signed by Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and U.S. President Jimmy Carter and will be an integral part of the treaty package. The letter and other treaty documents will be released officially after the weekend. The "side-letter" contains two separate provisions regarding the autonomy negotiations. One says: "The two governments agree to negotiate continuously and in good faith and to conclude these negotiations at the earliest possible

date." The other reads: "Egypt and Israel set for themselves the goal of completing the negotiations within one year so that elections will be held as expeditiously as possible after agreement has been reached between the parties." The last phrase, "after agreement has been reached..." was added by Israel during this week, as reported in yesterday's Jerusalem Post, in order to ensure that the obligation to hold elections "expeditiously" is not construed as arising automatically when the one-year "target date" is reached, but only takes effect if agreement has been reached. But the upshot of this phrase is (Continued on page 2, col. 2)

Cairo seeks Israel let-up in areas

By IAN BLACK
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Egypt has asked Israel to take a number of unilateral steps in the West Bank and Gaza Strip designed to improve the atmosphere following the signing of the peace treaty — and to boost its claim in the Arab world that it has helped better the position of the Arabs in the administered territories. These measures, according to yesterday's edition of the influential Cairo daily "Al-Ahram," include: Freedom of political activity in the West Bank and Gaza. The release of "political detainees." The reunification of families by

allowing relatives living outside the administered territories to return home. The abolition of restrictions on travel. Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan confirmed yesterday that Israel had been asked to take such steps by Egypt but he stressed that no promises had been made to Cairo. The minister noted that the Cabinet has not yet discussed the Egyptian requests, but said he did not believe that Israel's reply would affect the imminent signing of the peace treaty. Briefing foreign ambassadors on the final details of the peace treaty at his office in Jerusalem, Dayan

clarified his position on several of the Egyptian requests. Freedom of movement, the foreign minister explained, already exists in the administered territories. As for the demand for freedom of political activity, Dayan said this would depend on precisely what kind of freedom was being requested. Obviously the Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza could not be permitted to call publicly for the destruction of Israel, he commented. Freedom of the press, Dayan told the ambassadors, would continue within the limits of the censorship that is also applied to Israeli newspapers, and freedom of (Continued on page 2, col. 2)

2 die at Halhoul in anti-treaty riot

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Widespread unrest throughout Judea and Samaria in the aftermath of the breakthrough in the peace negotiations between Israel and Egypt culminated yesterday in the death of two demonstrators in Halhoul, near Hebron. Military authorities do not foresee any immediate lessening of tension. The deaths in Halhoul occurred at about 8:30 yesterday morning, after a car driven by Israeli civilians in the main road, was trapped by a large crowd of demonstrating high school pupils, who rained stones on the vehicle. A security forces detachment reached the place and found the car overturned and unable to disperse the rioters. According to the first stages of an inquiry mounted immediately after the incident by the military authorities, a burst was fired from an automatic weapon, and the crowd retreated, leaving behind a 24-year-old man who was dead and a 19-year-old girl, who was severely wounded and later died of her injuries in hospital in Hebron. Another boy pupil was lightly wounded in the leg.

members of the IDF detachment sent to rescue the car passengers have been taken to aid in the investigation. The passengers in the car were Kiryat Arba residents, and an official IDF statement put out earlier yesterday implied that they were armed. The statement said that, in the confrontation, with hundreds of violent demonstrators, shots were fired both by the soldiers and by the Israeli civilians. The victims were identified as Nasri Hassan al-Anani, 24, and Rab' al-Shalalda, a high school pupil aged 16. West Bank public figures yesterday sent angry protest letters to Defence Minister Ezer Weizman. Tension had risen steeply in Halhoul around midnight on Wednesday night, when the entire town council was arrested. Virtually all the high school pupils in the town staged an angry protest demonstration from early in the morning, which culminated in the shooting incident. The council members, including Mayor Mohamed Milhem, were (Continued on page 2, col. 2)

April C-o-L hike nearly 20%

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter
The consumer price index jumped 4 per cent last month, the final month affecting the size of April's cost of living increment. This means the increment will reach 18.3 per cent, up to a salary ceiling of 11.1 per cent per month, after January's adjustment. The maximum increment will be 27.6 per cent. From April 1 each credit point will be worth IL245, instead of their present value of 270. The consumer price index reached 153.3 points last month, as against 149.0 in January, with the average index for 1978 as the base of 100. In the first two months of this year the index rose by 7.5 per cent. Without fruit prices and vegetables, the extent of the increase was 1.1 per cent. Over the past 12 months the rise in the consumer index has been 53.3 per cent. The recent increase in (Continued on page 15, col. 2)

2 more Ramle escapees captured in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Solomon Abu and Yitzhak ("Tommy") Kish, two of eight convicts who escaped from the Ramle maximum-security prison on January 8, were arrested by police in Tel Aviv last night. There is now one escapee — Gavriel Bozagio — at large, following earlier captures of five convicts. The two men were surprised by a special squad of Tel Aviv police in an apartment in Rehov Me'atlat Yeharim at about 9 p.m. No further details of the arrest were available at press time. Abu was regarded by police throughout the hunt as the "brains" of the sophisticated escape. A French citizen with known links to France's Mafia, Abu was serving a life sentence for killing two underworld figures six years ago. Kish was also serving a life sentence for murder. Bozagio was serving a 16-year sentence for armed robbery. Police mounted a massive search for the eight convicts on the night of their escape, and a IL100,000 reward was offered for information leading to their arrest. Naim and Jamal Sultan were caught on January 13. Meir Mechorech, Uri Mizrahi and Moshe Danino were captured on February 14 in Bat Yam, following a shootout.

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Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Kupa Holim doctors last night decided on collective resignation on Sunday if by then the Histadrut Kupa Holim executive does not sign a work agreement with the Israel Medical Association. Similar agreements were signed yesterday by all other organizations employing doctors, such as the civil service, the Hadassah medical organization and others. The agreement demanded by the Kupa Holim doctors provides for substantial wage hikes, additional

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Egyptian Premier Mustapha Khalil leads an emergency session of the Egyptian cabinet called yesterday to debate the Israel-Egypt peace pact. At right is Defence Minister Kamal Hassan Ali. (UPI telephoto)

Cairo cabinet approves peace pact unanimously

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies
The Egyptian cabinet yesterday unanimously approved the proposed peace treaty with Israel, and Premier Mustapha Khalil said that his country was ready to deal with retaliatory sanctions from Arab states opposed to the peace agreement (Arab states — page 2). Asked after the four-hour debate whether he had anything to say to the Israeli people, Khalil declared, "We will sign a peace treaty which I hope will survive." He hoped, he said, "that the past enmity between the two nations will be something of a memory and that we will all be reasonable especially in our future relations." President Anwar Sadat announced after the cabinet session: "I hope to go to Washington next week. The invitations are not out yet." But, he quipped, "Invited or not I am going to Washington." Official sources in Jerusalem predicted yesterday that the signing ceremony in Washington would probably not be held next week, but at the beginning of the following week. (They said that the Knesset debate would probably begin on Tuesday and conclude on Wednesday. Until the Knesset ratification, the government is refusing to make any formal arrangements for the signing ceremonies.) In an apparent reference to the pending Israeli and Egyptian peace negotiations, the daily political commentary on Cairo Radio, which in the past has harshly accused Israel and its leaders of holding up the negotiating process, yesterday congratulated Sadat, Begin and Carter for the "rare courage they have displayed in the last few months." "In Arabic we say mabruk — mabruk tov and shalom," the broadcast concluded. (Continued on page 5, col. 2)

earlier warnings that a solution to the Palestinian question was paramount to the treaty's success. "I must confirm again that to have a complete peace in the Middle East, the Palestinian question can never be ignored," he said. Observers note that the cabinet's ratification of the peace treaty was little more than a formality as Sadat had already given Carter his firm acceptance of the American compromise proposals. Khalil said yesterday that he hoped hostile Arab states would not take measures against Egypt after the signing of the peace treaty, but he added, "We have contingency plans to meet whatever happens in the future." In other developments yesterday, Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak yesterday visited Rumania and Austria to explain Egypt's position to the leaders of these countries. He later flew on to Paris and he is scheduled to visit London, Brussels, Rome and Bonn in the course of his trip. Mubarak met Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky in a brief stopover in Vienna, and declared that the peace treaty will be "the start, not the end of the peace process in the Middle East." Before sending Mubarak on this diplomatic offensive in Europe, Sadat dispatched his vice-president to Sudan and Saudi Arabia to sell the peace treaty there. In a pleasant forecast of what peace may mean, the daily political commentary on Cairo Radio, which in the past has harshly accused Israel and its leaders of holding up the negotiating process, yesterday congratulated Sadat, Begin and Carter for the "rare courage they have displayed in the last few months." "In Arabic we say mabruk — mabruk tov and shalom," the broadcast concluded. (Continued on page 5, col. 2)

Tel Aviv Maccabi beats defending cage champions

By STEVE KAPLAN
Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Maccabi's basketball team won a final-round game in the European Cup of Champions last night against defending champion Real Madrid by the surprising score of 100-77 at Yad Eilat here. During the first half neither team played well. Maccabi jumped out to a 24-12 lead after nine minutes of play. Madrid fought back, but was hampered by the many mistakes made on offence. The half finished with Maccabi on top, 49-39, and both teams in foul trouble. After the intermission the teams traded baskets for three minutes. Then Maccabi's Jim Boatwright and Lou Silver began hitting jump shots to spark Maccabi to a 67-47 lead. Madrid then went to a pressure defence and Maccabi converted easy baskets against the demoralized Spaniards. In a balanced attack for the winners, Aulic Perry had 18 points, while Silver had 17 and Boatwright and Mickey Berkowitz each chipped in with 15. For Madrid, only Wayne Brabener with 23 points played up to par. In Sarajevo, Bosnia of Yugoslavia beat Emerson of Varese, Italy, 104-85 (halftime: 63-39) in their ninth-series match last night.

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HOME NEWS

NRP takes hard line on support for treaty

By SAR HONIG Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — The National Religious Party yesterday effectively made its support of a peace treaty conditional on a government decision on the nature of autonomy which would be akin in spirit to the party's own principles. Interior Minister Yosef Burg told the party executive that the three party ministers will on Sunday present the NRP position paper on autonomy to the cabinet, which is scheduled to take up the issue. The NRP will demand a decision in the spirit of its principles. Should this not be achieved, the party's institutions will be reconvened prior to the Knesset vote on the treaty, to reconsider its position.

The paper, which Burg presented to the executive, demands that the legal position of Israel and the IDF in Judea, Samaria and Gaza be assured, that internal and external security be placed in Israeli hands, that public lands and water resources be under Israeli control, that Jewish settlements and population not be subject to the authority of the autonomy council, that areas of continuous Jewish settlement be given special status, that Jewish settlements not be dismantled, and that the government create conditions conducive to the development of Jewish settlements. An overwhelming majority of the executive supported the proposal, presented by ministers Burg, Hammer and Abuhatzela.

Likud expected to give treaty greater support

By MARK SEGAL Post Political Reporter The government will enjoy greater support from Likud MKs in next week's Knesset vote on the peace treaty with Egypt than it did in the vote on the Camp David proposals. This emerged from the night's four-hour meeting of the Likud Knesset faction in the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem. Due to his influenza, Premier Menachem Begin was unable to address the meeting as planned; instead, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan expounded the government's case. As once source put it afterwards, "it was surprisingly calm; you might say the old Dayan charm worked."

Camp David vote. Dayan read both the Hebrew version of the draft treaty and its more binding English original, plus accompanying documents. Participants understood that Dayan preferred to put off the debate on autonomy until after the treaty was signed. The Liberals made clear that they want this discussion put on ice. Dayan told the meeting of the Egyptian agreement to allow Israeli shipping, including naval vessels, through the Suez Canal on the terms of the treaty signing. Government coalition executive chairman Haim Corfu urged his fellow Herut members to back the government, in order to make a breakthrough in the sea of Arab hatred. He said that he trusted the negotiations would not interfere with Israel's settlement drive in Judea and Samaria. Cohen accused the faction, and especially Herut, of being rubber stamps for Begin. She left half-way through the meeting, as did Shamir. Shamir said: "We have sacrificed all our achievements of the Six Day War and capitulated our independence to America."

Treaty may split La'am again

Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Likud's La'am party, which split after the Camp David Framework agreement, may split again now that Egypt and Israel are about to sign a peace treaty. MK Moshe Shinar, who declared his intention to bolt the Likud, and former minister Yigal Hurvitz said that they all leave the bloc as well. Zalman Shoval and Yitzhak Peretz, who belong to the same wing of La'am, will in all probability not follow suit. Shoval told The Jerusalem Post last night that he does not "agree to leave the Likud at a time when the

major fight — for what will happen in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip — is still ahead of us. Precisely because of the activist nature of our faction, we belong inside. Moreover, I believe that now is the time for Hurvitz to return to the government; we sorely need the influence of a man such as himself in the cabinet." The other La'am faction, headed by Health Minister Eliezer Shostak, is also not united over the issue, but here no splits are expected. Shostak is expected to support the treaty, and Yigal Cohen has already announced that he will oppose it. It is not clear yet how Ehud Olmert and Amnon Linn will vote.

2 DIE IN HALHOUL

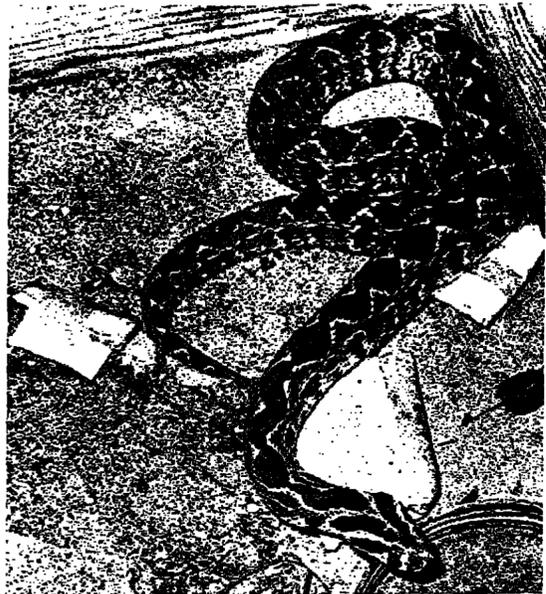
(Continued from page 1) released yesterday at noon, and a curfew was imposed on the town which lasted throughout the day. It was expected to continue until after the victims' funerals today. Hebron yesterday was also the scene of angry demonstrations by high school pupils, who set up roadblocks, threw stones and burnt tires. Settlers from the neighbouring Jewish centre of Kiryat Arba went to Hebron and walked about the streets carrying arms in what was described as a "show of strength." Hebron residents claimed angrily last night that the men from Kiryat Arba had forced old people and youths at the point to remove barriers and stones from the roads. The Hebron municipality sent a strong protest telegram to the defence minister. Police and soldiers opened fire near Damascus Gate outside the Old City of Jerusalem yesterday afternoon when groups of youths began throwing stones. Security forces chased the youths through the narrow alleys of the Old City, and used tear gas to disperse them. Scattered clashes occurred throughout the morning in East Jerusalem, and in the A-Tur quarter on the Mount of Olives the windows of a tourist bus were shattered by stones flung by demonstrators. Pupil disturbances took place throughout the Bethlehem and neighbouring Beit Jala areas. Most schools were closed and gangs of youths organized demonstrations

and protest marches. A complete business strike continued in Ramallah and El-Bira, where there were also isolated clashes between rioters and security detachments. Schools were closed and demonstrators blocked roads and threw stones throughout the Ramallah district and on the road to Latrun. Security forces fired into the air and used gas grenades. The clashes were not reported to be serious. A border police officer was suspended yesterday after an inquiry into the circumstances of an incident near Ramallah on Monday, when three students from Bir Zeit were wounded. In the incident, a border police detachment opened fire on violent demonstrators outside the Bir Zeit college. The three students are still in hospital in Ramallah, but are reported to be out of danger. In Gaza, by contrast, the situation remained tranquil. The only demonstration of note occurred on Wednesday, when pupils at the Saleem High School barricaded the school ground. About 100 pupils were arrested. All but a few were released later in the day. The refugee camps throughout the Strip have been quiet and no curfew has been imposed by the military government. Shops have been open as usual and the flow of traffic between Gaza and Israel continues uninterrupted.

AUTONOMY DEADLINE

(Continued from page 1) also to create — or at least underscore — the obligation to hold the elections "expeditiously" from the moment that agreement is reached, even if that happens long before the one-year "target date." A senior official told The Post last night that Israel had no problem with this — because it sincerely wanted to implement the autonomy as soon as possible. The official believed that Egypt had agreed to the insertion of "after agreement has been reached..." precisely because it opens up the possibility of holding the elections before the one-year "target date." The "linkage side-letter" stipulates that the autonomy must be "created and inaugurated one month after the elections, at which time the (five-year) transitional period will begin." The "agreed minutes" now read: "The provisions of Article 6 shall not be construed in contradiction to the provisions of the Framework for

Peace in the Middle East agreed at Camp David. The foregoing is not to be construed as contravening the provisions of Article 6(v) which reads as follows: "The parties undertake to fulfill in good faith their obligations under this treaty, without regard to action or inaction of any other party, and independently of any instrument external to this treaty." On Article 6(v), the format is the same, with the first, declarative section reading: "It is agreed by the parties that there is no assertion that this treaty prevails over other treaties or agreements... or that other treaties or agreements prevail over this treaty." Then follows the rider: "The foregoing is not to be construed as contravening the provisions of Article 6(v) which reads as follows: 'Subject to Article 103 of the UN Charter, in the event of a conflict between the obligations of the parties under the present treaty and any of their other obligations, the obligations under this treaty shall be binding and implemented.'"



A 70-cm. viper slithers around sacks of cocaine found hidden in its box. (Lester Millman)

Police find large cocaine cache — guarded by viper

TEL AVIV (Him). — Mexican mushrooms containing the hallucinogenic drug psilocybin were found yesterday — for the first time in Israel — along with a cache of cocaine guarded by a poisonous snake. After finding the cocaine in his apartment at 56 Bar-Kochba Street in Tel Aviv, police arrested a 23-year-old man suspected of smuggling the drugs into the country. Arrested with him was his 20-year-old friend, a soldier. The mushrooms and a small quantity of hashish were found in the latter's Givatayim home. Tel Aviv drug-squad officers made the searches after obtaining a judicial search warrant on the basis of a tip-off. The suspected smuggler did not object to the search, but became nervous when police entered a room containing a box. As police opened the box, his mother shouted at them that there was a viper inside. Buried in the snake's bed of dirt police found

a bag containing 37.5 grams of cocaine, worth IL150,000. A high-sensitivity scale and large sums of money were also found in the flat. Cocaine has been quite rare in Israel up to now, compared to hashish and even hard drugs like heroin. Psilocybin is similar in effect to other hallucinogens like LSD and mescaline. It is widely used by Mexicans for ritual purposes, and fortune tellers in South America use it to attain "prophetic powers." It can also be produced synthetically. The suspect told police that he purchased the drugs at the Milk-Way club in Amsterdam to finance his trip home and make extra money. He had kept the snake as a pet ever since completing his army service as a paratrooper medic, he said. Police sent the drugs to experts for analysis, and are checking to see if any more smuggled drugs are involved.

CAIRO SEEKS LET-UP

(Continued from page 1) assembly would also have to be seen in the context of what their subject was to be. Dayan mentioned an additional Egyptian demand — which, significantly, was not included in "Al-Ahram's" list. He said that Cairo had asked that the military government headquarters in Gaza be removed from this city, to elsewhere in the Strip. The omission of this demand from the "Al-Ahram" article would appear to be explained by the fact that it would not improve Egypt's already battered image in the Arab world if it were known that Cairo had asked simply for a change in location, rather than the removal of Israel's military HQ in Gaza. Yet the request seems to underline the fact that although there is now to be no reference in the treaty documents to the idea of implementing autonomy in Gaza before the West Bank, Egypt may still be considering the "Gaza-first" option as a

convenient way to circumvent the expected opposition of West Bankers to the implementation of autonomy there. "Al-Ahram" said that Israel had pledged to implement these gestures in a memorandum from Premier Menachem Begin to President Jimmy Carter. A copy of the Israeli document was released to Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil on Wednesday, the paper added. The newspaper did not say when these measures would be carried out. But it reported that an Egyptian delegation would fly to Washington in the next few days. It was not immediately clear last night whether there was any direct connection between the demand for the release of what "Al-Ahram" called "political detainees" and Wednesday's swap of 78 terrorists for Avraham Amir, the Israeli soldier captured last year during the Israeli anti-terror operation in South Lebanon.

Arab states demand anti-Cairo action

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies In the continuing onslaught on Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's "separate" peace with Israel, a number of Arab states yesterday again threatened to take action against Egypt for betraying the Arab cause. In Baghdad, Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi reiterated that political and economic sanctions would be applied to Egypt as soon as it signs a peace treaty with Israel, and the semi-official daily "Al-Thawra" called upon the Egyptian people to topple Sadat. The organ of Syria's ruling party, "Al-Ba'ath," said in Damascus that U.S. interests in the Middle East should be punished, as it was "not enough simply to punish the Egyptian regime." A senior Libyan official said in Rome that Egypt was concentrating its troops on the border with Libya, and that his country retains "the right to take any action against the alliance between Egypt and Israel." In Algeria's first comment on the Middle East peace agreement, the country's official news agency said yesterday that "this new act of

treason by President Sadat has been received with extreme indignation throughout the Arab world and the Israeli-occupied territories." Kuwaiti newspapers called for the immediate imposition of Arab sanctions on Egypt. Kuwait's "al-Ahbas" said that the imposition of sanctions in conformity with the Arab summit conference in Baghdad last November, was the minimum reply to the Egyptian-Israeli treaty. The paper was echoing the demand voiced on Wednesday by Kuwaiti Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Sabah, for implementation of the Baghdad summit resolutions. Another newspaper, "Al-Qabas," said, "An American-Israeli Egyptian alliance will emerge within weeks or months after signing of the treaty... The alliance will embark on military operations to reinforce its prestige and prove its feasibility..." Even in Saudi Arabia, long regarded as one of Egypt's closest Arab friends, press comment yesterday condemned the Egyptian-Israeli peace developments. One newspaper called for the immediate implementation of economic and political sanctions if a peace treaty is signed.

Baby run over by driver who stopped to help motorist

ASHKELON (Itim). — A Beduin truck driver who stopped to help a couple whose car had overturned accidentally ran over the couple's six-month-old daughter, killing her. The tragedy occurred earlier in the week, but became known only yesterday, when the driver Mohammed al-Amir, 25, was brought before the magistrates court in Ashkelon. It was revealed that Amir stopped to help passengers of an overturned vehicle on the Plugot highway near

Kiryat Gat. The Steinberg couple Beersheba and their daughter Haya were only slightly scratched. Together with others who stopped to help, Amir righted the vehicle. Meanwhile, the baby's mother pleaded her under his truck, to protect her from the rain. Unaware that the baby was there, Amir returned to his cab and prepared to leave. The parents screamed, but it was too late; he had already run over her. Amir was freed on IL15,000 bail.

Ofra settlers, army reach compromise

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Reporter The military government in Judea and Samaria yesterday dropped its demand that Ofra settlers give up their arms and name the settlers who opened fire during their five-hour raid in Ramallah-El Bira on Tuesday. The Gush Emunim settlers told The Jerusalem Post that in a compromise agreement reached with the commander of Judea and Samaria, Tat-Ahuf Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, they submitted a written report on the

raid, which followed stonings. It was signed by all 15 participants. But report did not specify which of the had fired the shots. The compromise averted a possibility of a clash between West Bank settlers and soldiers. The chairman of the ministerial security committee, Ariel Sharon and Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Zippori visited Ofra yesterday. Alon told The Post that Sharon had agreed to supply the settlers with 50 housing units in addition to the 18 now under construction.

It's 'play ball' tomorrow for new league

Jerusalem Post Reporter U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis will ceremonially throw out the first ball tomorrow at Kibbutz Geser, opening the first official Israel Softball League season. "Commissioner" Ed Freedman told The Jerusalem Post that he hopes softball, a slightly adulterated version of baseball, will become a popular Israeli sport. The game has been played here for many years, but never in an organized manner. Last fall lawyer Ed Freedman got the idea for a league and placed a

small advertisement in the Post. His surprise some 70 people showed up at an apartment meeting, from then on it was all hits. Jewish students from New York Latin Americans, U.S. embassy staff, foreign correspondents, other baseball and softball enthusiasts around the country were enthusiastic enough to convince Freedman to incorporate the league as a non-profit organization. The new league's 10 teams have been in "spring training" for the past few months.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Yitzhak Navon yesterday received Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Yadin in his office. The President also received Arthur Hertzberg and his wife, from the U.S. State Comptroller and Ombudsman I.E. Nebenzahl gave a luncheon yesterday for Dr. Jorma S. Aalto, parliamentary ombudsman of Finland, and the head of Dr. Aalto's office, Myostoi Toivanen. Other guests included General Ennio Silvasvuo, chief coordinator of UN peacekeeping forces, and Shmuel Toleiano, chairman of the Knesset State Control Committee.

Bernice S. Tannenbaum, president of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, and Marian Lewin-Epstein, chairman of the Hadassah Council in Israel, hosted the members of the council at a Purim party, celebrating Purim and Hadassah's 67th anniversary yesterday at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Jack Lewin-Epstein.

Transport Minister Haim Landa will speak on current politics to the Haifa Maritime and Economics Club at the Zion Hotel, today at 1 p.m. For table reservations phone 511583.

Rabbi Dr. Alexander Carlebach will speak on "Rav Kook in England — 1916-1919" at a meeting of the Israel branch of the Jewish Historical Society of England on Sunday at 8 p.m. in the Keren Hayesod auditorium of the Jewish Agency building in Jerusalem. The public is invited.

ENGAGEMENT

KOHN-WEINTRAUB Roni Aviva, daughter of Moshe and Barbara (nee Shalowitz) Kohn, of Jerusalem, became engaged to Dov, son of Mordechai and Esther (nee Waldman) Weintraub, of Petah Tikva on Shushan Purim, 5789.

DEPARTURES

Arye Dulzin, to Rome for an international conference on manifestations of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, and to Rome, for consultations on the problem of the high rate of Jews leaving the USSR but not coming to Israel. Ya'acov Kirshen, creator of The Jerusalem Post's "Dry Bones" cartoon strip, for a one-month speaking tour in the U.S., to promote aliyah.

Ghali: Egypt wants autonomy 'calendar'

PARIS (Reuters). — Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali said in an interview broadcast here last night that Egypt would not sign a peace treaty with Israel unless there was an exchange of letters setting out a calendar for autonomy in both the West Bank and Gaza. "Egypt will not sign a peace treaty unless she obtains an exchange of identical letters concerning the West Bank and Gaza setting out a calendar," Ghali said in the interview, conducted on Wednesday. "In this exchange of letters, a calendar must be set out establishing clearly what are the next stages which must occur on the West Bank and in Gaza to give birth to a Palestinian authority," Ghali said.

GEOMETRY. — The Second International Geometry Conference will be held next week at Haifa University, with the participation of 60 scientists from 13 countries. David Greenblatt and Harvey Tanz sincerely thank all who attended the launching of the Chioprac Centre for their gifts and kind wishes. Please keep in touch. Tel. 02-524654.

On the occasion of the first anniversary of the passing of the Head of our family HYMAN BESSIN 57 Ottawa-Netanya past Treasurer of Canadian Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi and past President of the Canadian Zionist Federation, a MEMORIAL MEETING will be held in the Bessin Wing, Yad Harav Herzog, Rehov Haplag, Bayit Vegan, Jerusalem, on Sunday, March 18, 1979 (Adar 19, 5739) at 6 p.m. The Bessin Family

The Foreign Minister and the staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in deep sorrow announce the passing of SARAH MORRIS 57 the wife of the Ambassador of Israel to New Zealand and share in the grief of the family. The funeral will be held in Jerusalem on Sunday, March 18, 1979, at 1 p.m., and will leave from the Sanhedria funeral parlour to the Mt. of Olives.

In deep sorrow we announce the death of SARAH (SADIE) MORRIS who passed away on March 14, 1979, in Wellington, New Zealand. Ya'akov Morris Leah and Benny Morris Michal Morris

Chana and Sam Silver and Family Natalie and Gene Wagner and Family Deepest condolences on the death of our dear friend MOSHE MARCUS 57 Ari Maroni

My dear husband, our father, grandfather CHARLES CHAIM BARCLAY is no more. The funeral will be held today, Friday, March 16, 1979, at 1.30 p.m., at Kfar Shimaryahu cemetery. The mourners: His wife, Nechama His son, Brian (London) His daughter, Clair Hoess (Australia) and all the family

The consecration of the tombstone on the occasion of the shloshim of my beloved husband MARCEL (MOSHE) WEINSTEIN 57 will take place at Rishon LeZion Old Cemetery on Monday, March 19, 1979, at 4 p.m. Transport will leave B'nai Brith House, 10 Rehov Kaplan, Tel Aviv 3.00 p.m. Also from 19 Rehov Krinzki, Ramat Gan at 3.15 p.m.

The unveiling of the tombstones of our beloved parents and grandparents BENJAMIN and DOROTHY GOLDSTEIN 57 will take place at Holon Cemetery on Monday, March 19, 1979, at 4 p.m. Wife: Elina Spear-Weinstein and family Stanley M. Goldstein and Family, U.S.A. Prof. Julius (Yehuda) Goldstein and Family, Petah Tikva

Legality of Jewish settlements confirmed Court rejects Beit El land plea

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The High Court of Justice yesterday unanimously dismissed the petition of more than 20 West Bank landowners against the military government in what has become known as the "Beit El Case." The case had threatened to question the legality of Jewish settlement in the occupied territories.

Justice Moshe Landau yesterday read out the "bottom line" of the 26-page court opinion, which dismissed the petition. The Jerusalem court room was crowded with spectators, including the litigants, lawyers and journalists, and a representative of the International Red Cross was also present.

The court was petitioned last September by 26 West Bank Arabs who claimed that land they owned at Beit El, near Ramallah, and at Tubas in the Jordan Rift — and which had been seized several years before by the military government — was being illegally used to establish Jewish settlements. The court had issued a temporary injunction against the defence minister, the military governor of Judea and Samaria, and the local military governors of Ramallah, Jenin and Nablus, forbidding any construction

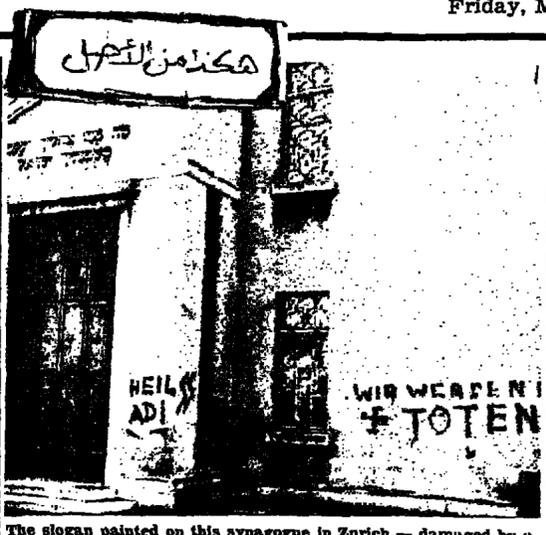
and agricultural work in the disputed areas and demanding that the state show cause why they should not prevent the erection of buildings for the settlers.

But Justice Alfred Witkon, in his opinion read out yesterday, accepted the state's claim that the settlements were an integral part of Israel's security concept in the area involved.

The lands at Tubas control one of the main crossings from the Jordan River into the heart of Samaria, while the areas seized at Beit El are adjacent to a military camp that the Jordanians had built because of the strategic importance of the region, he said.

"It is difficult to accept that an occupying power (in a state of belligerency such as exists between Israel and its neighbours) will allow the control of these types of areas to be in the hands of factors likely to be hostile to it," the justice added.

However, Witkon dismissed one of the state's main arguments — that the issue was not justiciable because it called into question the entire issue of Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria, which had added political significance following the Camp David agreements. "It is difficult to believe that the court would be tight-



The slogan painted on this synagogue in Zurich — damaged by a bomb yesterday — reads: "We will kill you." (UPI/telephoto)

Red Cross denies Israel will release more terrorists

GENEVA (AP). — The International Committee of the Red Cross yesterday categorically denied that a second exchange of prisoners between Israel and the PLO will take place in Geneva this weekend.

Sixty-six imprisoned terrorists were exchanged here on Wednesday for Israeli Avraham Amram, held nearly a year by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, which captured him during Israel's Operation Litani sweep of Southern Lebanon last April.

A source in Cyprus said earlier yesterday that 80 more terrorists would be handed over tomorrow, in exchange for the bodies of four of Amram's colleagues who were killed at the time he was taken prisoner.

The source said Israel had rejected a request to include Panayiotis Paschalis, a Greek Cypriot journalist jailed for spying for the PLO, among those released. Israel insisted that only Arab prisoners could be exchanged, the source added.

Commenting on Amram's release, Israel army spokesman Shmuel Moyal said in Tel Aviv on Wednesday that the exchange had taken more than a year to arrange, and that its timing was unconnected with the successful conclusion of negotiations for the signing of an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

The semi-official Cairo newspaper "Al-Ahram," however, said yesterday that Israel had agreed to release the terrorists and take several other measures in the West Bank and in Gaza to demonstrate good-will and improve its relations with the Palestinian Arabs.

Welcoming the 66 terrorists flown out of Israel via Geneva, Libyan no. 2 leader Abdel-Salam Jalloud said that "Palestine cannot be freed and liberated through speeches but rather by more bombs and explosions and by turning the Palestinian land into a volcano. By your presence here you deal a great blow to the talks of humiliation and shame between Israel and Egypt."

Libya has been a traditional refuge for PLO terrorists.

Knesset to discuss exchange of terrorists for IDF soldier

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The Knesset is soon to discuss the release of 76 convicted terrorists, some of them murderers, who were exchanged for an Israeli who fell to terrorist hands while on an illegal trip to Lebanon during last year's Litani Campaign. The Israeli, Avraham Amram, came home from terrorist captivity on Wednesday.

Two MKs from both sides of the house have tabled urgent motions for the agenda on the matter. They are Labour's deputy Knesset Speaker Shoshana Arbeli-Almozlino, and Likud's Menachem Savidor.

In the written introduction to her motion, Almozlino said: "The price we paid was much too heavy, and the release of such murderers is likely to cause further bloodshed."

Savidor, in his preamble, regarded the release as "a capitulation to the PLO."

Labour MK Elisha Spetser told *The Jerusalem Post* that he believed the exchange may have been a gesture on the part of Prime Minister Menachem Begin to Syrian President Hafez Assad. He thought the move may have been preparatory to possible future negotiations with Syria.

Spetser said that the swap was a dangerous precedent, and disagreed with Defence Minister Ezer Weizman's explanation that a POW's status was "different" than that of a civilian hostage. "A soldier takes the risk on himself, of such a danger, whereas you can't say the same for civilian passengers taken in a hijacking."

Mordechai Wirshubski (Shas) said that he relied on Weizman's judgement in such cases and saw no reason to challenge the government. "We wanted the boy back, and anyhow we'll release these people sooner or later," Wirshubski said.

Cabinet secretary Arye Naor yesterday rejected claims that Israel had established a precedent by Wednesday's exchange of 76 terrorists for one Israeli prisoner. It was not a case in which terrorists had entered Israel to take hostages and negotiate the release of other terrorists, he explained.

Radio, TV budget okayed in telephone poll of Authority

By JUDY SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Broadcasting Authority yesterday approved a budget of IL2.083m. for Israel Radio and television for the coming fiscal year, but derided the proposal as "too little" before protesting that "too much" money was being set aside for administration and "too little" for original production.

Because only 13 of the 31 plenum members appeared at the meeting, the lack of a quorum forced chairman Reuven Yaron to conduct a telephone poll of members to get approval of the budget. Had it not been approved before April 1, the Authority would have had no funds at its disposal.

The Knesset Finance Committee last month approved an increase in the annual radio-TV licence fee — from IL600 to IL900 — which will cover part of the Authority's expenses.

The radio and TV budget must next get approval from the Knesset committee. Authority officials estimate that under the new budget, about 7 per cent of TV and radio's original programming will be cut.

The Authority executive will today discuss sanctions by radio technicians in Tel Aviv, who have closed down broadcasts from time to time in the past few days over demands for higher reimbursement for expenses.

Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer, who is in charge of implementing the Broadcasting Law, yesterday sent a telegram to outgoing Authority director-general Yitzhak Livni congratulating the radio and TV staff for their coverage of U.S. President Jimmy Carter's visit to Jerusalem.

Poll shows crime as top social problem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israelis are more worried about crime than about any of the country's other social problems, according to a survey recently completed by the Public Opinion Research Institute.

The survey, in which 1,199 people were interviewed in their homes, was commissioned by the Maccabi sick fund. Among other things, the fund was interested in knowing how high the crime rate would rank high on the list of public concerns.

Those interviewed were asked to rank six social problems according to their importance. Their answers produced the following result: "War against delinquency and crime" came first, followed by "finding housing for young couples," "better education and schools," "evacuating slums," "better health services," and "providing more social welfare aid for the underprivileged."

In another question, the inter-

Ministers seek low-fare law for aged

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Reduced bus fares for disabled persons, children and the elderly should be ensured by law, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Israel Katz and Transport Minister Haim Landau say.

Fearing that a sharp rise in bus fares is imminent — due to the recent fuel price hike — the two ministers have decided to establish a commission to draft the necessary legislation.

At present, any reductions offered on public transport fares are voluntary, and can be cancelled at will by the bus cooperatives.

According to Avraham Hoffman, spokesman for the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, most countries have laws either at the national or the municipal level, guaranteeing lower fares for certain classes of riders.

If the Knesset passes the enabling legislation, he said, the National Insurance Institute would be prepared to administer the programme, including the issuing of the special identification cards for those eligible.

Israel Museum names art-book design winner

Post Art Editor

First prize in the Israel Museum's 1977/78 International Art Book Contest had been awarded to Dr. Wilhelm Sandberg, the museum has announced. Sandberg, a former chief adviser to the museum and a member of its International Board of Governors, was chairman of the jury of the previous five contests.

Sandberg won the prize for his design of a book on H.A.P. Grieshaber (a well-known anti-Nazi German artist), published by Verlag Gerd Hatje of Stuttgart. The prize, for the best designed book in the field of the arts, is to be awarded at the International Book Fair, which will be held in Jerusalem April 19-25.

Dozens of girls taken abroad for prostitution

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Dozens of Israeli girls under the age of 18 are taken abroad annually to work as prostitutes.

This was revealed yesterday by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs in connection with the findings of a committee set up to study the exit of minors from the country against their interests.

The ministry spokesman also disclosed cases of unmarried mothers who take their infants abroad for adoption.

Regarding the young girls, it was reported that they usually end up in countries where there are large numbers of *gordim* (Israeli emigrants). The traffic in girls was not the work of an organized movement, but rather carried on by individuals in isolated cases.

The committee, which recently submitted its findings, was appointed as a result of news reports concerning the mistreatment of young boys sent to a yeshiva in France. The committee included the head of the registration and immigration department of the Interior Ministry and the legal adviser to the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry; its findings have now been incorporated into instructions to the country's immigration and registration offices.

Under the new instructions, the director of the offices will inform the district welfare officer of any case where there is reason to believe that a person under 18 is being sent abroad against his or her will or interests. These would include children of impoverished families or children who refuse to go to school and who are being sent to institutions abroad.

The welfare officer may ask that the issue of the passport be delayed for up to two months, during which time the officer may obtain a juvenile-court order preventing the minor from leaving the country.

He will specifically be able to act in cases where unmarried mothers take their infants abroad to be adopted, and of girls under 18 taken out of the country for prostitution.

Dolphins take revenge on fishermen who kill them

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Killing dolphins to prevent them from raiding fishermen's catches is self-defeating, and the problem should be tackled in other ways, an Israeli fishing official said yesterday.

Fishermen's Union secretary Elisha Kalai was reacting to a report from Japan that 100 fishermen had used knives to slaughter some 100 dolphins they said were "threatening their livelihoods by eating tons of valuable fish."

He said: "I firmly believe that the dolphins take revenge, by deliberately doing even greater damage to catches."

Israeli fishermen, he added, had developed and used a humane method to cope with the problem. Noting that the dolphin is a very intelligent animal, Kalai said: "From my long experience at sea I am convinced they inform each other about hostile actions by fishermen and come back to take revenge."

Kalai said seafarers regard dolphins as friendly creatures who "sometimes guide boats through treacherous areas." Most seamen consider killing a dolphin bad luck, he added.

Dolphins do sometimes damage catches, Kalai conceded, "because they are hungry and have to eat." But they do not raid the catches when there is enough fish for both fishermen and dolphins, he said. "The dolphins occupy the ecological niche they are entitled to, and this should not be disturbed."

Israeli fishermen have virtually solved the problem of hungry dolphins raiding the nets just before the catch is taken on board — by enveloping the dolphins in a large mesh protective net. After the dolphins have been entangled in the protective net once, "they experience the difficulty of freeing themselves and refrain from trying again," Kalai said.

Israel: Capucci working with PLO again

TEL AVIV (Him). — Israel yesterday accused Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capucci of planning sabotage in the administered territories at recent meetings with Arab terrorist leaders.

Israel radio quoted security sources as saying they suspected the former patriarchal vicar of Jerusalem on the basis of secret information and announcements by terrorist organizations.

Capucci was jailed by Israel in 1974 for 12 years as a gun-runner for terrorists, but was released after serving only three years, at the request of the Vatican.

He promised not to return to the Middle East.

Terrorists captured recently said they met Monsignor Capucci in Damascus earlier this year in the company of PLO leaders.

Unlicensed driver charged in killing

TEL AVIV (Him). — An indictment was filed in Tel Aviv District Court yesterday against an 18-year-old driver for killing two children in a car-pedestrian accident on March 5.

The indictment names Yehuda Lavie of Kfar Sava in the deaths of Merav Cohen, six, and her sister Deganya, four. The charge sheet says Lavie, who did not have a driver's licence, took his brother's car and drove recklessly and at high speed through Kfar Sava. He lost control of the car, ran up on a sidewalk and struck the two girls and their parents, who were slightly injured.

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Ex-premier Hoveyda of Iran on trial for life

TEHERAN. — The prosecution yesterday demanded the death sentence for former Iranian prime minister Amir Abbas Hoveyda, the shah's right-hand man for 13 years, as Hoveyda's trial began in an Islamic revolutionary court.

Hoveyda, premier from 1965 to 1977 and then minister of the shah's imperial court, was charged on 17 counts. These include treason, espionage "in favour of Zionism and the West," heroin smuggling in France, giving Iran's mineral resources to foreign countries and revenues to the shah, and "plotting with the western military pacts CENTO and NATO to wipe out Palestinians, Iranians and Vietnamese."

Hoveyda, slumped in a chair with a cardboard placard bearing his name, denied the charges. He said he had acted on the shah's orders as part of the ousted monarch's system of government.

"If I am responsible, everyone is responsible," he said. "We were all living under the same regime."

Hoveyda, 60, is the most prominent detainee from the shah's 37-year rule to come to trial. Some Iranian journalists were present yesterday, but a prison official said that the foreign press would not be allowed to attend until the real trial started. He described the two-hour, pre-dawn session as a preliminary hearing.

The distinction between it and the real trial was not immediately clear.

The prosecutor said that among the witnesses who had given evidence to back the charges were two former radio and television executives executed on Tuesday as traitors.

Firing squads have so far executed 64 people found guilty of murder, torture and other political crimes under the shah's regime or convicted of sexual crimes since the February 11 revolution. No acquittals have been reported.

In another action, the Iranian government yesterday expelled Ralph Schoenman, a U.S. lawyer and human rights activist, and said it would also deport American women's rights campaigner Kate Millett.

Schoenman had been publicly campaigning in Teheran against what he described as a pro-western "anti-democratic threat" from the continued activities of the shah's former army officers. Last month, he accused Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's internal security chief of having asked him to obtain U.S. support to crush anti-western elements in Iran.

Millett played an active role in support of protests this month against Khomeini's demand that Iranian women wear strict Islamic dress.

The government also announced yesterday that foreign television news film would be screened by the information ministry before being allowed out of the country. Government spokesman Amir Eftezari told journalists that only "unbiased" film sequences would be allowed to be shipped abroad. Other film would be confiscated, he said.

On Wednesday night Premier Mehdi Bazargan made an emotional attack on revolutionaries for blackening the country's image abroad and undermining its authority at home.

Addressing a nationwide television audience, he once again threw down the gauntlet to Khomeini over the issue of the secret trials and executions, saying the spate of death sentences had caused him embarrassment and "loss of face" before international human rights organizations.

Twice already in the one month he has been in office, Bazargan has threatened to resign over the issue. (Reuter, UPI)

Ayatollah's 'voice' is U.S. citizen; family lives in Texas

LOS ANGELES (UPI). — Ibrahim Yazdi, one of the highest ranking and most influential officials in Iran's new revolutionary government, is a U.S. citizen whose wife and children live in a mostly Jewish neighbourhood of Houston. "The Los Angeles Times" reported yesterday.

Deputy Premier Yazdi, who is considered the link between Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and Premier Mehdi Bazargan, has served as "the voice of the ayatollah."

Born in Iran, Yazdi moved to the U.S. in 1951. He studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and worked as a cancer researcher in Houston until 1977. "The Times" said, quoting his wife.

Mrs. Yazdi and their six children, ranging in age from six to 23, have lived for the last eight years in the Meyerland district of Houston, described as a predominantly Jewish neighbourhood.

The new Iranian government has cut off oil shipments to Israel and announced its backing for the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"My husband and I have many Jewish friends, but I think he is against Zionism," Mrs. Yazdi told the newspaper.

Last year he became part of the ayatollah's circle of advisers, functioning by last autumn as chief spokesman during the ayatollah's exile in Paris.

"The Times" quoted a spokesman for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service as saying that Yazdi could lose his citizenship. "Service in an important political post of a foreign government," the spokesman said, is considered evidence of "an intention to abandon allegiance" to the U.S.

Soviet warships in Korea Strait

TOKYO (AP). — A Soviet guided-missile destroyer, an ocean-going minesweeper and a submarine depot ship were reported yesterday cruising southward off Japan's Tsushima Island in the Korea Strait.

A spokesman for the Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force said the Soviet warships were spotted by a Japanese P-3J anti-submarine patrol aircraft while they were passing through the sea lane at 2 p.m. Their destination was not immediately known.



U.S. ice skaters Tai Babbitt and Randy Gardner give a performance rated on Wednesday as flawless by judges of the World Figure Skating Championships in Vienna. The performance won them the gold medal. Pairs from the Soviet Union and East Germany placed second and third respectively. (UPI telephoto)

Pravda: Sadat abandoned Palestinians

The Soviet Communist Party daily "Pravda" accused Egyptian President Anwar Sadat of abandoning the Palestinian people despite his attempts to show his concern for their cause.

Rejecting proposals to submit the treaty to the dormant Geneva peace conference, which the USSR co-chairs, "Pravda" said that it "cannot be a screen for dishonest deals designed to disguise the risky game of imperialism and its hangers-on."

The Czechoslovakian Communist Party daily "Rude Pravo" claimed that U.S. President Jimmy Carter's mediating efforts had been "in fact a rather cynical comedy, in which the 'happy ending'—despite all the apparent drama involved—was basically agreed upon in advance."

The paper said that Egypt and Israel "had to subordinate (their) differences to the basic factor in their policies—alliance with the U.S."

China's official Hsinhua news agency, however, reported that Carter had returned to Washington, and that a treaty had been concluded, without any comment.

Western European comment on the latest Middle East developments was more favourable.

The large Austrian daily "Kronzeitung" was full of praise for "Carter's stubbornness, art of persuasion, his imploping and appeals made with religious eagerness in eye-to-eye talks, paired with his immense patience and endurance."

Belgian Foreign Minister Henri Simonet also hailed the Israeli-Egyptian agreement and called for its extension to achieve "effective expression of the Palestinian people's legitimate rights."

British Foreign Minister David Owen said that the treaty proposals were only the first step towards a comprehensive Middle East peace settlement, but called on Arab states to give Egyptian President Anwar Sadat a chance to turn it into an overall peace. He asked them not to "damn it absolutely and disastrously right from the start."

'Soviet Indians got to North America first'

MOSCOW (AP). — Indians from the Far Eastern region of what is now the Soviet Union discovered America 13,000 years ago, Soviet scholars have concluded.

A report in the trade union newspaper "Trud" said they came easily to the New World because the Bering Strait that separates the two continents did not exist then.

The newspaper reported that Soviet scholars at the Far Eastern Institute of the Academy of Sciences in Magadan reached their conclusion after extensive research, which included a comparison of artefacts found near the Kolyma River and in the American state of Washington.

The possibility of Asians settling in America was first put forward by the Russian explorer Stepan Khrushchev in the middle of the 18th century, "Trud" claimed. His theory demolished all earlier ideas on the discovery of America, the newspaper continued, but many famous archaeologists questioned his findings because they could not be proved scientifically.

Soviet archaeologists discovered a site on the upper reaches of the Kolyma River containing seven layers of artefacts — stone tools, arrowheads, spearheads and knives. "Trud" said the find left no doubt that man had inhabited the area 15,000 years ago.

"Although this was a sensational discovery," the newspaper said, "it only half confirmed Khrushchev's hypothesis. The most difficult task remaining was to find a similarity with the artefacts discovered at places where American Indians lived."

"Trud" said the Soviet team then had the good luck to hear of a discovery in 1968 by archaeologists in the state of Washington of a camp with tools similar to that the Soviets had found.

Radioactive analysis of pieces of charcoal from the site led the Soviet scientists to conclude that man had been there from 11,000 to 13,000 years ago and that the ancient population in the Far East of the Soviet Union was older.

The tribes from the Far East of the present Soviet Union got to the New World simply by following herds that were advancing deep into what is now the U.S. as the glaciers melted, the report said.

Asia and America were at the time joined by a 1,000 km-wide sub-polar strip that eventually sank into the sea, 5,000 years ago.

Terrorists raid Rome gunshop

ROME (AP). — Three terrorists dressed as police raided a gunshop in the heart of Rome yesterday and made off with about 60 pistols and 14 shotguns, police reported.

A few minutes later an anonymous telephone call told the Italian news agency ANSA that the raid was the work of "Nuclei Armati Rivoluzionari" (Armed Revolutionary Nuclei), one of many leftist urban terrorist gangs operating in Italy.

The caller told ANSA that the group had "assaulted and extorted weapons" to "vindicate the comrades who have been killed or who are in jail."

Peking invited to talk in Hanoi or on border

BANGKOK (Reuter). — Vietnam yesterday proposed Hanoi as the venue for talks with China aimed at restoring normal relations between the two Communist neighbours, but said that if Peking so desires the talks could take place on the border.

Radio Hanoi, quoting a note sent by Vietnam's foreign ministry to Peking, said the talks could begin one week after China pulled its troops out of northern Vietnam border provinces they invaded nearly a month ago.

It repeated a Vietnamese demand that all Chinese troops retire to their own side of the "historic border line" before the negotiations get under way at vice-foreign ministers level as China proposed 10 days ago.

If the Chinese did not want to talk in Hanoi, "it is also possible to select a site on the Vietnam-China border for negotiations or to hold the negotiations alternately at two border sites, one on Vietnamese soil and another on Chinese soil," the note said.

Vietnam has frequently accused the Chinese of delaying their withdrawal, suggesting that the pullback was a "smokescreen" covering plans for a wider war.

Radio Hanoi yesterday claimed that Vietnamese troops killed over 1,100 Chinese troops in a clash on Tuesday near the border. But it gave no indication of what stage the withdrawal had reached.

Diplomats in Peking said that withdrawal seemed to be near complete.

Indochina analysts in Bangkok said the talks could be delayed seriously if the Vietnamese insist that the Chinese had not withdrawn to their own side of the "historic border." The border line is undisturbed in a few small areas, and analysts said the Chinese might be on to areas they consider their own territory.

The radio also charged that Chinese troops had moved across border markers in Lang Son province "deep into Vietnamese territory." It said the Chinese were still firing heavy artillery on areas surrounding Lao Cai and had blown up a bridge and houses in the town.

There was no mention of whether or not Vietnamese forces had entered the town, captured by China in the early stages of the war that began on February 17.

Meanwhile, India and the Soviet Union called yesterday for the immediate, unconditional and withdrawal of Chinese troops from Vietnam. A joint communique issued at the end of Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin's six-day visit to India described the Chinese attack on Vietnam as massive.

Turkish walkout delivers final blow to Cento pact

ANKARA (Reuter). — The Central Treaty Organisation (CENTO), the Western Asian defence alliance set up in 1955, collapsed yesterday after Turkey declared it was walking out.

The government of Premier Bulent Ecevit announced Turkey's withdrawal after a special cabinet meeting, leaving Britain on paper as the only remaining full member of CENTO. The U.S. is an associate member.

The cabinet announcement made clear that the alliance was being wound up. It said: "The government has decided to make the necessary initiatives at CENTO headquarters (here) to terminate CENTO."

The alliance was formed 24 years ago with Iraq among its four members and was at first known as the Baghdad Pact. But it withdrew in 1968, and the pact has been largely dormant as a military alliance in recent years.

Pakistan announced on Monday that it had left CENTO and followed suit the next day.

CENTO's Turkish secretary-general, Kamuran Gurun, said he thought the alliance's headquarters in this capital's bustling town would close shortly.

Man's sex organs sewn back

PARIS (Reuter). — French surgeons have carried out what they believe is the world's first successful graft of a penis and testicles on a man who had cut them off, one of the doctors said yesterday.

Dr. Claude Abbou, of the department of urology at Henri Mondor Hospital at Creteil, outside Paris, said the 21-year-old man's penis and testicles were sewn back on in an operation involving 12 hours of delicate microsurgery.

He said doctors had managed to sew back a penis in previous operations but never before a penis and testicles. "It is a first according to medical records," Dr. Abbou said.

The team of six surgeons formed the graft nearly two years ago — in April 1977 — but waited until they were sure of success to announce it.

Doctors said the patient, an inmate of a mental hospital, had cut his sexual organs in a violent schizophrenic crisis. He is capable of a normal sex life but is sterile, Dr. Abbou said.

Sweden official raps Polish anti-Semitism

STOCKHOLM (AP). — Sweden should cancel its non-visa agreement with Poland because of Polish anti-Semitism and discrimination against Polish Jews, a prominent Swedish official said yesterday.

Former deputy prime minister Per Ahlmark said Poland as a rule refused to let all Swedish Jews of Polish origin who left Poland during the anti-Semitic campaign in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

"I accuse the Polish government of completing and exploiting anti-Semitic prejudices in its policy against Jews in Poland and Jew-Polish origin who want to return," said Ahlmark. The 1974 visa exemption agreement says Sweden and Polish citizens may visit each other's countries without applying for visas; but at least 120 Jews most of them ex-Poles of Jewish origin, have been barred from entering their former homeland, Swedish Foreign Ministry said.

Mexico quake levels town

MEXICO CITY (UPI). — Four earthquakes rumbled across Mexico on Wednesday, leveling buildings in Mexico City and wiping an entire village of 1,000 families "completely off the map," officials said.

Mexican authorities said damage in the capital alone — where nearly three-quarters of the Ibero-American University campus was destroyed along with scores of other buildings — was immense. But the major disaster occurred in the Pacific coast state of Guerrero bordering the earthquake's epicentre, where local officials reported that La Chaveta, a village of 1,000 families, was destroyed.

The exact number of dead and wounded at La Chaveta was not immediately known. Extensive but as yet uncalculated damage was also reported in Guadalajara, Monterrey, Puebla, and in the tourist resort of Acapulco, also in Guerrero.

Red Cross officials said at least two persons were killed and 50 injured in Mexico City, where the quakes caused extensive power blackouts, flooding and damage uncounted but estimated to run into "the millions of dollars."

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(Continued from page 1) At the briefing for the congressional leadership, moreover, Carter said that the treaty does not commit U.S. forces to play any role in guaranteeing the treaty.

But he did confirm during the closed-door session that Israel wants a "letter of assurance" from the U.S. that would outline U.S. reaction to specific developments. Such a letter would have less than formal treaty status.

One congressman present during the session, held in the East Room of the White House, cited U.S. determination to keep the entrance to the Gulf of Akaba open to all nations as an example of how such assurances might apply. "The cost of preventing a war is much less than the cost of paying for a war," said Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.), one of the members present.

Senator Howard Baker (R-Penn.), the minority leader, commented: "I think this is a good buy, a good bargain for the U.S. in that it would be a double-edged sword."

The president is planning to dispatch a high-ranking official to the Middle East shortly to try to win support for the treaty package among "moderate" Arab states. No announcement of who will make the journey or when has yet been made.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and roving envoy Alfred Atherton were meeting separately yesterday behind closed doors with the Senate Foreign Relations and House Foreign Affairs Committees to report to them on the peace treaty.

Any additional U.S. undertakings related to the treaty will have to be submitted to those panels for approval.

Administration officials have already pledged that all related documents will be made public in due course. "There will be no secret agreements," a U.S. official said.

Joseph Powell was still busy yesterday defending his background briefings to the American press corps in Jerusalem last Monday night. He has been accused by some reporters of trying to manipulate them into writing overly gloomy stories that evening — only hours before the breakthrough.

Yesterday, Powell said he was authorized to disclose that his assessment during those briefings had been shared by the entire U.S. delegation — "including the president."

President Carter helicopters to Camp David today to relax over the weekend.

The White House spokesman announced last night that the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt would not be signed during the coming week. The signing in Washington was expected only in ten days to two weeks from now.

The spokesman explained that the Knesset debate on the treaty, expected to last some days, would have to be concluded before the signing could take place. Also, President Jimmy Carter is to fulfill his commitment to visit Oklahoma and Texas, from where he is due to return to Washington on Monday week — about ten days hence.

The spokesman also said it was not yet clear whether Carter would sign the treaty documents, together with Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat.

CAIRO CABINET

(Continued from page 1) The Egyptian news agency last night published the detailed timetable of the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai envisaged in the peace proposals.

Israel Radio reported the agency as saying that within two months of the signing of the treaty, the IDF will withdraw from the northern part of Sinai bordering on the Mediterranean, as far as El Arish. The area vacated in this first stage will include El Arish and the large airfields.

In the next two months the area bordering on the Gulf of Suez will be evacuated. During the five months following, the IDF will leave the whole area stretching from El Arish in the north to Ras Muhammad in the South.

In terms of the agreement, each segment will be handed over to Egyptian administration immediately on the IDF's withdrawal from it. A UN force will be stationed at each segment between Egyptian and Israeli forces.

The Egyptian administration will be in Tel Aviv

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said yesterday that the Egyptian embassy in Israel, to be opened 10 months after the signing of a peace treaty, will be located in Tel Aviv.

Dayan was replying to questions from diplomats during a briefing for foreign ambassadors on the peace negotiations.

Although Israel's capital is Jerusalem, most countries maintain their embassies in Tel Aviv, and have related Israeli requests to move the embassies to Jerusalem.

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Einstein fund to help pupils get tutoring

The Albert Einstein Scholarship Fund has been launched for pupils in elementary schools who need special remedial tutoring. The fund is being sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Albert Einstein Lodge in Jerusalem, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Jewish physicist's birth.

PATIS. — In this week's Mifal Hapays draw, ticket number 703891 won IL1m., or IL2m. if the bonus number was purchased.

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A 1944 aerial photograph of Auschwitz, recently released by the CIA.

POWER OF BUREAUCRACY

By MAURICE SAMUELSON/Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON. — Both Winston Churchill and Anthony Eden, his wartime foreign secretary, agreed in principle to bomb Auschwitz concentration camp in 1944. However, the plan to disrupt the Nazi extermination programme was foiled by Foreign Office officials, who failed to pass valuable details of the camp to the British Air Ministry.

The affair is described in a forthcoming book by British historian Bernard Wasserstein who calls it "a striking testimony to bureaucracy's ability to overturn ministerial decisions."

The book, *Britain and the Jews of Europe: 1940-1945*, which Oxford University Press will publish this summer, was commissioned by the Institute of Jewish Affairs, following a recent discovery in the U.S. of aerial photographs of the camp, showing prisoners, the four crematoria and gas chambers.

According to Wasserstein, the Foreign Office itself requested the Jewish Agency to submit plans of the Auschwitz and Treblinka camps. The plans had been ordered on behalf of the Air Ministry with a view to bombing the camps or the railway lines bringing prisoners to their doom from all over Europe.

On August 18, 1944, I.J. Linton of the Jewish Agency sent the Foreign Office details of Auschwitz and Treblinka received from the Polish Interior Ministry.

Instead of forwarding the details to the Air Ministry, however, Foreign Office officials drew up a minute which concluded that it was "advisable to inform the Secretary of State for Air that we do not wish to pursue the idea." No reference was made to the requested topographical data, nor to the fact that the data had been received and withheld by the Foreign Office.

A few weeks later, Paul Mason, the newly appointed head of the Foreign Office's refugee department, discovered the plans of Auschwitz and Treblinka in the files and minutes that the Foreign Office was "technically guilty of allowing the Air Ministry to get away with it without having given them the information they asked for as a prerequisite."

ESCHWITZ TO prevent the deportation of 800,000 Hungarian Jews.

It was claimed at the time that these targets were outside the range of the Allied air forces. However, American air raids did take place at and near Auschwitz. In a May, 1978, issue of *Commentary* magazine, David S. Wyman lists many instances of heavy bombing between June and December of 1944. On September 13, bombs aimed at the nearby I.G. Farben plant accidentally landed in Auschwitz.

Following the discovery of aerial photographs in the U.S., Dietrich Strohmann wrote in the March 2, 1979, issue of *Die Zeit* that "between July and October 2,700 flying fortresses...dropped 6,600 tons of bombs on the plants in Blechhammer and in Oederath. In these exploits, they regularly flew over the gas chambers and railway lines."

HOWEVER, this view has not gone unchallenged here. Josef Garinski, a former Auschwitz prisoner and author of *Fighting Auschwitz*, has written in the *Daily Telegraph* that the Allies were correct in not bombing the camp since the only effect would have been the death of thousands of prisoners.

Even if it had enabled 100,000 prisoners to break out, Garinski argued, they would have been free for only a short time, as Poland was occupied by the Germans with army garrisons and police everywhere.

The Institute of Jewish Affairs concludes: "The reason why pleas to bomb the camps or the railway lines were rejected is certainly not that the now discovered aerial photos were overlooked or misinterpreted at the time. The reason is rather to be sought in the low priority accorded by the Allied bureaucracy to the saving of Jewish lives — and, for that matter, the lives of many other civilians languishing in the concentration camps."

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Developing Jewish consciousness outside of the state religious schools. ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

By LESLIE BENNETT FRIED/Special to The Jerusalem Post

GIVAT Shapiro Bet, Jerusalem's "traditional" elementary school, is midway into its third and most successful year...

The "traditional" or "masorti" school appeals to those who find a lack of "Jewish consciousness" in the State schools...

"There is a search for alternatives in education," says David Harmon, a prime mover behind the proposed Beit Hakerem school...

Givat Shapiro Bet was started by a group of French Hill and Ramat Eshkol parents. They successfully petitioned the Education Ministry...

Principal Barbara Levin tells her students that "this is our tradition and this is what our tradition dictates."

EACH DAY, the first lesson is morning prayer. "The prayers are studied, not just performed," says Levin.

Every class covers the basic State school curriculum. The "selective" religious studies come close to the scope and content of the classes in religious schools...

Givat Shapiro Bet began with 33 pupils in grades one through three. Adding a first grade each year, enrolment mushroomed to 160.



Pupils at Givat Shapiro B.

(Mike Goldberg)

parents had to assure that sufficient classroom space would be available and, more important, had to step up integration.

The pupil population from the start represented the immediate, predominantly middle-class neighbourhood. Disadvantaged

families in outlying areas had been reluctant to assign their children to this unique school.

THE SCHOOL is on a high hill covered with pine. Two converted concrete bungalows serve as classrooms' office, and synagogue.

There has also been a fair amount of teacher turnover each year, as it is difficult to find secular teachers with sufficient Jewish background...

Next year, however, for the first time all of the staff is continuing. This is a boon to the development of long-term programmes.

PARENT involvement extends beyond committees. There are parents' meetings once a month, and often through parent initiative these take the form of study sessions or lectures.

English-speakers had a high profile when Givat Shapiro Bet began, but of this year's 60 new first-graders, 35 per cent are Israeli.

Parents in Beit Hakerem have agreed with the Municipality to begin next year with only a first-grade class as the nucleus of a future school...

Parents must be prepared to remain active participants in the school, notes David Harmon.

THE MOST FAMOUS of Kibbutz Hulda's early members was the late Pinhas Lavon and he remains the most significant political influence on the kibbutz today...

Despite loudspeaker problems, his audience listened raptly to Oz's brilliant flow of unparalleled Hebrew.

Oz lambasted Israeli society, held in thrall by "the sensationalist culture of our evening tabloids, made-in-Poland petit bourgeois values, tribal jingoism, with the great learned tradition of Judaism substituted by the sickly-sweet vulgarity of Yiddishkeit."

In the past Zionism had been pluralistic, embracing "those who wished to establish a bridgehead for the white man in the Levant, a kind of Jewish Rhodesia..."

"AND HAS our dream now been reduced to cardboard and plastic," he went on, "travelling from a luxury penthouse filled with Danish furniture and Italian marble..."

At the school of this nature develops in Jerusalem it is possible that along with Givat Shapiro Bet we will feed into a 'traditional' high school, and establish a 'traditional' teacher training seminar.

Families in Omer (outside Beersheba), Netanya, and Herzliya are interested in similar programmes.

Novelist as angry prophet

By MARK SEGAL Jerusalem Post Reporter



Amos Oz (David Rubinger)

filtered the language, especially the immoderate political vocabulary. "Respectfully, every line seems to be a replica of our society," he said.

What also concerned him was "this overpowering desire to disconnect from the world, demanding recompense for our ancestral suffering."

TURNING to politics, the kibbutz author encapsulated Zionist history

In the confrontation between the Revisionist slogan "In blood and fire Judea will rise again" and the Labour Zionist cry of "Work is our life."

After inveighing against "this petit-bourgeois regression that has burst forth upon us like a volcano," Oz turned on "this government of national retreat which worships the Revisionist pistol and holster made in Poland, and NRP's kowtowing to fanatical Messianism."

Later, Prof. Gavriel Cohen remonstrated with Oz for "being historically unfair to the Fifth Aliyah from central Europe..."

Other allyot had produced the DMC "And anyhow, most of your best friends belonged to that party," he added.

OZ PULMINATED also against Philistinism. "In my childhood every building worker saw himself as a thinking man, but today it's almost an insult to say that to anyone."

He recalled that when he strolled with German author Heinrich Ball through Jerusalem, the Nobel Prize laureate had asked him: "Why are you here?" and he had replied, "We are here because we came to make peace with one another."

What horrified Oz above all was the murmuring as if "peace will come" us to disintegrate.

Amos Oz declared with emphasis: "I, for one, am ready to pick up that particular glove."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 16 - April 15. BEERSHEBA 17.3 - 8.00 p.m., Na'amat Bldg: Post Purim Party... JERUSALEM 22.3 - 12.00-5.00 p.m., Moadon HaOleh, Blood Bank... NETANYA Sundays, 8.00 p.m. - English Play Reading... TEL AVIV 18.3 - 8.30 p.m., Beit Hamlin: Zvi El-Feleg: "The Palestinian Question..."

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LOWLY HYSSOP TOEA AND FLOEA Louis I. Rabinowitz All this does not refer to flora, but one detail does. Not only was the hyssop an ingredient of the purifying ashes (18:6), but the preparation was sprinkled on the person to be cleansed with a sprig of hyssop (v.18).

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Continuation of crossword puzzle grid and solutions. Includes cryptic clues and word definitions.

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YOUNG ARTISTS WEEK A chance to be seen

By LEA LEVAVI / Jerusalem Post Reporter



TEL AVIV — Eli Jaffe, conductor of the Beersheba orchestra, has been invited to conduct the Royal Philharmonic in Albert Hall and the Belgium Philharmonie in Brussels, but Tel Aviv music circles haven't heard of him. He is one of scores of young artists for whom Young Artists Week, which opened yesterday, is a professional turning point — the first major chance to be seen and heard in Israel.

Young Artists Week will span more than a week this year, opening at the presidential residence and climaxing with a gala philharmonic concert on April 2nd, conducted by another young conductor, Yoel Levi, and featuring the pianist Liora Ziv-Li, winner of this year's Francois Shapira prize. In between, there will be concerts featuring the work of composers ranging in age from 16 to 27, art exhibits, appearances of the Piteco Ballet of Haifa, and other events.

Three short films — "A Day Off" by Zippi Trope, "Instead of a Dream" by Idit Sheehori and "Man Black-Man White" by Shaul Dishl — were chosen to be shown as a breakthrough for young film makers planning to produce full-length feature films. Another seven short films, which won last year's short film contest, will be shown in Haifa and Beersheba, since they were already seen in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem last year.

The American Israel Culture Foundation, which sponsors the annual Young Artists Week, started the event seven years ago in Tel Aviv only, limited to music. Since then, it has expanded both geographically and in types of art included. For the first time this year, the event will be national, and young artists' marathon days are planned in Haifa and Beersheba.

Gideon Paz, director of the



Above, Beersheba Symphony Orchestra conductor Eli Jaffe and below, Rivka Michaeli as the mayor of Bnei Brak in a new Asi Dayan film.



American Israel Culture Foundation, said all the participants in Young Artists Week have received scholarships from the fund at some point during their studies. The foun-

ation offers scholarships to students preparing for professional careers in the visual and performing arts, including some scholarships for foreign study for those who have already learned all they can in Israel. Among former scholarship recipients are such famous names as Yitzhak Perlman, Shlomo Mintz and Menashe Kadishman.

How do the young artists themselves feel about Young Artists Week? Zippi Trope said she hopes reaction to her 50-minute film, "A Day Off," will make it a little easier for her to do the feature film she is now planning. "People see motion pictures as money making, not as an art form. Those of us who want to do something more serious have difficulty raising the money," she said, adding that she can only devote herself to film-making full-time because they can manage on her husband's salary.

Eli Jaffe said that he considers himself a young artist and wants to be part of what the up-and-coming generation in Israeli art is doing. "Conducting in Albert Hall is the dream of every Israeli, but I don't want to be out of the country one day more than is absolutely necessary: making a place for myself here at home is what is really important to me."

Among the many events planned for Young Artists Week will be appearances by the army's two string quartets (the first concerts for civilian audiences) and concerts by the Tel Aviv and Jerusalem music academy orchestras and the Beersheba orchestra, art exhibits, dance, film showings and more. At the philharmonic concert which will close the week, 900 seats will be taken by members of youth orchestras and youth music clubs, particularly from development towns and poor neighbourhoods.



Amos Kollek, left, and David Broza watch a preview of Kollek's film, "Don't Ask Me If I Love," shown in Tel Aviv this week. Kollek wrote the script, as well as the novel on which the film is based. He is also lead actor and co-producer. Broza sings the opening song with the same name as the movie, which opens throughout the country on April 7.

Trope, seen here filming her movie "A Day Off," which she hopes will lead to a feature-length film.

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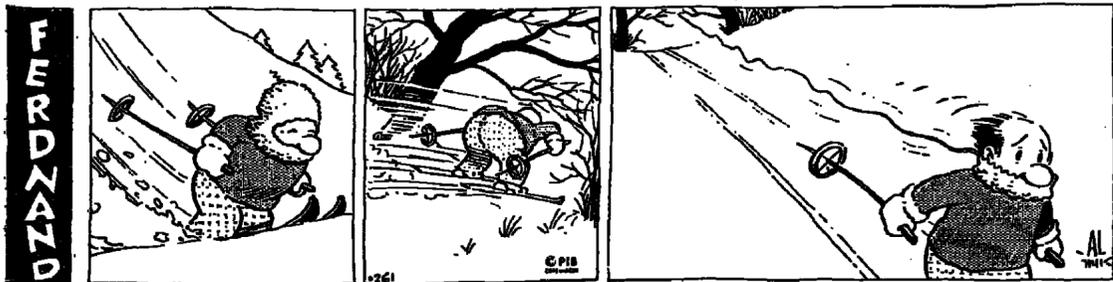
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Context

OUR JIMMY

TELEVIEW/Philip Gillon



Geula Cohen, left, and Moshe Shamir — a need to count calories.

IT SEEMS incredible that less than a week has elapsed since our Jimmy landed at Ben-Gurion Airport and flashed his famous smile at all the notables of Israel.

I call him "our Jimmy" because I am determined to keep him in office; we have never had such a good president, not even Dicky was so good to us.

Long, long ago, Menahem Begin told us that Jimmy would prove to be another Lincoln, perhaps even a Jabotinsky. At the time, if I remember correctly, I was somewhat dubious about this proposition. If so, I apologise unreservedly.

Jimmy put his reputation almost exclusively on the line to get the peace for us — one prominent American Jew complained to me that it was humiliating for the president of the U.S. to fly in hand from one stiff-necked client to another, like an estate agent putting through a difficult sale — and he must have immense courage to take such chances.

He also did everything with so much style; his speeches were good, his sincerity was patent, his knowledge of the Mideast was incredible, his smile was warm and his wife is a sweetie.

Through much of the time I was sitting in the Press Centre at the Jerusalem Theatre looking at about 10 television sets simultaneously in the company of hundreds of journalists.

Those who criticize her for her vulgarly of Geula's style of acting is emphasized by her closest ally, Moshe Shamir, looking like a wholesale butcher. He also needs to lay off the calories.

I CAN gauge the extent of her disappointment in her quondam guru, Menahem Begin, by my own amazement at discovering that he is my boy, the kind of leader for whom I have now looked so long.

three equal groups concertizing together in all kinds of variation. This special structural quality was brought out by Barshai perfectly, with the orchestra playing with admirable exactitude and virtuosity.

THE EVENING was an immense surprise and all of us were most generously rewarded. Luca was an undoubted pleasure and all through the concert one could listen attentively to an excellent violinist whose imagination, character and personality never allowed for one dull moment.

us non-invites that our legislators are dining in such style on such delicacies, while the minister of finance calls on us to tighten our belts.

Envy, the green-eyed monster, prompts us to ask why we should do so, while they are letting theirs out a few notches.

I am reminded of Marie Syrkin's marvelous description of how to make a fund-raising speech for the UJA, in an article she called "Make 'Em Cry'".

The greater the luxury on the one hand, and the misery on the other, the more likely the donors are to be won over to each for their causebooks. The Knesset dinner accentuated the gap between them and us.

CARTER, Begin and Sadat have developed a completely new technique, that of tight-lipped low expectations, obviously designed to fool the omniscient commentators and experts. They certainly succeeded.

Why the photographer is so fascinated by Ronnen's face is beyond my comprehension, but there it is — quot homines, tot sententiae.

Professor Shlomo Avineri gave us a most lucid and convincing explanation of why the Messianic approach of Carter, Begin and Sadat to treaty-making resulted in alternating exultation and disappointment; breakdowns over details were inevitable after the heads of state reached agreement on broad principles. He preferred the step-by-step approach. Now look what happened — he's got egg all over his face.

NEVERtheless we are very grateful to these experts for filling in the empty hours while we waited for smidgins of real news. It has been a very arduous and exhausting week.

THE WORST coverage ever given to anything was probably that accorded to the China-Vietnam war. We were shown numerous shots of people firing guns, of wounded soldiers, of village streets, of wheelbarrows and weapons. But — to my shame I confess it — I could not tell if the soldiers were Chinese or Vietnamese, or where the village streets were, or what was going on.

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For me the attraction of the evening was the Brandenburg concerto and Bach's double. The third Brandenburg concerto is archaic in form, dividing the orchestra into

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Stocks up as 'peace rally' continues

Stocks & bonds—the market report

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Post Finance Reporter

shares were "sellers only," and were automatically dumped for a 5 per cent loss to 246. Rapac Ltd., after a 14 point gain on Wednesday, added another 11 points to 384. Selective advances marked the real estate and land development sector. Azorim, which chipped in with an excellent annual report, saw its shares rise by nearly 5.5 per cent to 547. I.L.D.C. rose by four to 248. Solel Bonch, which could prove to be one of the big winners in a peace economy, was ahead by 15 to 785. Property and Building gained 3 to 339. Rascos preferred gained a dozen to 248 while the ordinary shares eased by one. Paz Oil Exploration were unchanged at 144 in moderately active trading. Industrials had their share of winners. The Electra group of shares, in the wake of a

highly successful business year, continued to gain. Teva (R) rose by 23 to an even 700 while its bearer shares were established as "buyers only" and were set at 1,018. The Urdan group of shares and options resumed their upward trend after a very favourable balance-sheet announcement. American Israeli Paper Mills were the stars in the group, the shares gaining nearly 6 per cent to 651. Petrochemicals reached 122.5 after an additional gain of three points. Shemen (B) was "buyers only" and was advanced to 451.5 while its registered shares were gaining nine to 341. Clal investments was the big winner among investment company stocks. The shares gained 5 per cent to 441. Clal Real Estate was 11 points ahead at 239 and Clal Industries rose by 11 to 340. Piryon gained six to 288. Landeco-Rubinstein traded ex-bonus shares and was established at 206. Both Elgar and Elern reacted favourably to good annual statements and rose by nine and 15 points, respectively. Index-linked bonds traded quietly in advance of yesterday's announcement of a relatively modest 2.4 per cent rise in the cost of living index.

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Table with columns: Closing price, Volume, Change. Lists various stocks like Dev. & Mig., Housing, etc.

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New York Stock Exchange

Closing prices - March 15. Dow Jones Industrial Average: 847.01 -1.65. Volume: 29,440,000.

Table listing various stocks and their closing prices, including Allied Chemical, IBM, etc.

Table with columns: Bank of Israel, Representative, Foreign exchange, March 15.

APRIL Co-L INCREASE. The residential building input index rose by 1.8 per cent and reached 252.4 points (on an April 1975 base of 100). The Histadrut yesterday accused the government of trickery in timing the increase in fuel prices to ensure that the wage-earner will not be compensated until October.

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The American nexus

HE WAS HAPPY, Mr. Begin assured Mr. Carter while bidding the President farewell at Lod airport on Tuesday, to be able to help him during his stay in Israel.

The remark raised some eyebrows around here. While intended to be friendly, it sounded cold and faraway: as though it was all a matter of Israel lending the U.S. a helping hand in some distant predicament, and not a case of Israel itself, invariably assisted by the U.S., making peace with its largest Arab neighbour after more than three decades of hostility and war.

Presumably, Mr. Begin was seeking to convey the legitimate notion that the U.S., too, and even the U.S. President himself, was a direct beneficiary of the concessions made by Israel for the sake of peace.

Mr. Carter's stock among his people could not but rise following this recent demonstration of the President's decisive statesmanship in the Middle East conflict. More importantly, the U.S., after suffering a string of bad setbacks in the world arena, could now justifiably reassert a position of leadership due to a superpower.

For rendering such services to the U.S., Israel might presumably expect some favours in return.

Whether Mr. Carter views the successful outcome of his Middle East peace mission in the same light remains to be seen. But there can be no doubt that he too fully appreciates the condition of (plainly unequal) interdependence between the U.S. and Israel, which has now been underscored by the onset of an American-guaranteed Israel-Egyptian peace.

For that interdependence has long been as crucial in its importance as it has been awkward, uneasy and at times even fairly insufferable. It has been difficult for Israel to do business with America, but quite impossible to do without it.

A larger measure of Israeli independence could doubtless be secured by drastic economic measures, leading to some lessening of America's political leverage. A trumpet call for such greater independence has been issued this week by Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, in his bid for a new hawkish line-up to resist the "erosion" in Israel's position.

What the renowned physicist has failed to come up with, however, is a practical formula to achieve that noble purpose in any meaningful sense in the foreseeable future.

In the foreseeable future, indeed, as the costs of withdrawal from Sinai begin to mushroom and as a fully rehabilitated Egypt starts making its own claims on Washington's largesse, Israel is likely to come even more heavily into America's debt.

The burden might conceivably be lightened, in its political aspect, by making Israel, possibly together with Egypt, a full partner in a regional defence pact with the U.S. This should, on one view, underline Israel's value as a strategic asset to the U.S., warranting a corresponding American commitment to Israel.

The idea of a defence pact was in fact broached by Mr. Carter during his recent meeting with Mr. Begin in Washington, the Premier disclosed this week; and Mr. Begin endorsed it on the spot, while emphasizing that an official acceptance would have to follow an official invitation. Israel, in other words, would not make the first approach.

Now a defence pact with the U.S. may have some great advantages for this country, even though previous governments failed to perceive them. But it is also liable to draw Israel directly into the vortex of global power politics, internationalizing the continuing conflict with the Rejectionist states — and, paradoxically, limit even further Israel's political freedom.

It is not entirely accidental, perhaps, that the first proponent of the idea in Washington was Senator J. William Fulbright, who was not known as a particular friend of Israel.

In any case, what should precede acceptance of any such proposal by Israel is not only an American offer but also a thorough domestic examination and debate.

THOSE WHO followed the relationship between Israel and the U.S. with regard to the peace negotiations during the past fortnight or so from ringside seats would not like it to be described by a journalist as a "poker game."

They might react more favourably to the term "ping-pong," because it has connotations of agility rather than shrewdness. They would agree wholeheartedly that it was drama in which the characters of the two leading actors had tremendous influence.

Down to this very moment, Cabinet Ministers generally insist on being quoted anonymously, and they refuse adamantly to confirm what reporters assume to be the text of the treaty with Egypt or the stages by which that treaty was achieved.

One minister told The Post: "When Premier Menachem Begin entered the last critical lap, he knew what he wanted to see at the end: peace. The difference between the Israeli side and the American side was that Begin had no need to hurry as much as the American side. He could not afford to make mistakes by rushing."

THINGS CAME to a head towards the end of February, when the American side talked of "minor differences," while the Israeli side talked of "major differences." Jerusalem was surprised to hear from Washington that it was "disgusting" to be so close.

Next, came the invitation from Washington to Begin to meet with Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil, which looked like a summons to a summit. That was on Tuesday, February 27.

When the Cabinet said "no" by a very large majority, the ministers realized that an Israeli premier was making history by turning down an invitation from an American president. Few, if any, premiers in the world had done that.

After the Cabinet "no" to Carter, things started to happen fast. The pace kept up till this Wednesday, when Begin told Carter over the phone that the last outstanding points in the treaty had been cleared up in the Cabinet session and approved by 15 votes in favour and none against.

That same Tuesday, at 10 p.m. Israel time, Carter phoned Begin to invite him to Washington, and the word in the Prime Minister's Office the next morning was: "This is a whole new ball game."

THE PRIME MINISTER had made it known that he would put Israel's case forcefully to the media and to the American public if things went badly wrong in Washington. However, according to people around him, he travelled with an inner assurance, using a phrase he has often used: "Justice will prevail."

Begin did not pull his punches when he landed in Washington that Thursday (March 1), telling reporters at Andrews Airforce Base that there was "a deep crisis." He said that Israel would "not be pressured into signing a sham treaty."

At this point the term "agreed minute" was introduced to help get over the difficulties of clauses Six (b) and Six (v) of the draft treaty, where previously the term "interpretative note" had been employed.

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DRAMATIC DEALINGS

The Post's ASHER WALLFISH looks back at the final tense days of the peace negotiations and finds that the nature of the relationship between Washington and Jerusalem changed, harkening back to a happier time.

Although these only amounted to a few words, they appeared to the Israelis to reflect a change of concepts, which Begin praised as being "very serious" when he heard them.

The new American proposals about linkage and priority of commitments proved the key that enabled the Cabinet under Yadin's wand back in Jerusalem to give its approval by one against three, with four abstentions. That was Monday, March 5.

Carter sounded gratified when Begin phoned him to tell him of the Cabinet's approval, and he told Begin of his idea for the Middle East trip. (Begin had in fact given him an invitation on the Saturday night of the small dinner party.)

The idea was in the works so that Begin had to tell senior U.S. Senators at a meeting: "I am in duty bound by my word to the President not to reveal the contents of a discussion which I just had with him. Please be patient. I suggest you listen to the radio either at twelve or one, and you will hear an important announcement. I believe you will hear good news. If Egypt accepts what we have accepted, I believe we will very soon have a peace treaty."

ON THE NIGHT of Saturday, March 3, when the Carters and the Begin family dined in a foursome, nothing appeared to have been achieved, so much so that Begin admitted it was unclear to him whether the visit was over or not, as far as the President was concerned. Begin assumed that the world probably was talking just once more to President Carter, and that would be over the phone to say good-bye.

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READERS' LETTERS

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Of course there are many conveniences (as noted by your correspondent in her letter of March 5) in not shifting to daylight saving time. But can we afford these conveniences — particularly now?

Most Western countries have decided that the inconveniences in shifting to daylight saving time are far outweighed by the savings in energy. Is our economic situation such that we can afford a luxury which other countries cannot?

Moreover, every country is being pressed to reduce oil consumption as much as possible, as the consumption of one country directly affects not only the world price of oil but also the power of those supplying it. With Israel at the centre of this oil crisis, how can we justify a luxury involving waste of oil?

There is no doubt that Israel must adopt daylight savings time. The only question is whether it should be for one hour or two hours. I say two hours, if any meaningful savings can be effected thereby.

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DOUBLE STANDARD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your concern over Defence Minister Weizman devoting "scarce military manpower armed with expensive cameras...to go through the charade of entrapping self-declared religious draft cheaters" (your editorial of March 2) is most touching. Likewise, your patriotic declaration that "Israel has no need of conditional olim."

I cannot help but wonder how you would react if the government did not make an attempt to uncover the draft cheaters.

And how many times have you declared that unless the Israeli bureaucracy becomes more human and efficient, we won't be able to attract western olim. When someone won't come on aliyah because he is not ready to stand endlessly in line, he is not considered a "conditional olah" (nor do you decry the fact that Israel offers tax privileges in order to encourage aliyah), but when someone can't come on aliyah because of deeply held religious convictions, he is considered undesirable.

When a secular political party insists on honouring its commitments to its electorate, you praise the party for standing by its principles, but when a religious party does the same, you accuse it of blackmail and the government of "submission."

BENNY SOROTZKIN Kiryat Telshe-Stone.

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